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Janet -

I understand that Westlands Water District met with Nancy Stoner on March 27. Region 9 was not part of that meeting but we were told it was attended by Tom Birmingham, Catherine Karen, and an almond farmer, named Don. (Bob P. likely met Tom Birmingham during his tenure as OW AA.) The summary we received from OW indicated that it was just a "get to know us" meeting. Mr. Birmingham gave background on Westlands and how efficient they are with water, and on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. He said they were supportive of Region 9's ANPR from February 2011 and gave Nancy a copy of their comments. Nancy asked what he wanted from EPA; he said nothing right now but may be back in the future. Nancy asked him for several things such as information on how they "value" water (as part of our CWA 40th anniversary and showing how valuable water is for our economy.)

Include below is background information that my staff forwarded to Teri last week.

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Hi Teri -

In preparation for the June 13 meeting with the Westlands Water District, Bob Perciasepe and Bob Sussman, you asked Region 9 for information on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Attached is a short paper:

We anticipate that other topics related to EPA's activities in the Bay-Delta may arise. In particular, in February 2011, Region 9 issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding certain water quality issues in the Bay Delta Estuary. This was a commitment in the Interim Federal Action Plan of December 2009. For background, here is a Fact Sheet and FAQs on the ANPR:

I believe the ANPR was discussed when Westlands met with Nancy Stoner this past March. Westlands submitted comments in response to the ANPR which can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/pdfs/comments/EPA-R09-OW-2010-0976-0037-1.pdf> The two page Table of Contents provides a good summary of their input.

We have recently completed our assessment of the information submitted pursuant to the ANPR. Based on this assessment, we have drafted a document, Water Quality Challenges in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary: EPA's Action Plan, which articulates EPA's priorities. We plan to finalize this document in late June. A draft has recently been shared with the Office of Water and will be shared with other Federal agencies shortly. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

Is there anything else that would be useful in preparation for next week's meeting? - Karen

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